

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 19 of page 6:

-- Figure 8 shows an exploded, side perspective view of the sleeve mount in accordance with the present invention interacting with two optical plug-in connectors. --

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 20 of page 9:

-- With reference to Figure 8, the sleeve mount of the present invention may be provided in a coupling 37 of an optical plug-in connection. The optical plug in connection is designed for receiving and accommodating ferrules 39 of two optical plug-in connectors 41 and 43 introduced from opposite directions. --